

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the continuous liquid phase is selected from the group consisting of: an aqueous liquid, an oleaginous liquid and combinations thereof.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein said lost circulation material further comprises aggregate particles that assist in effectively sealing the formation.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein said lost circulation material further comprises a dilatant additive.

9. (Original) A fluid system according to claim 8 wherein the dilatant additive comprises ungelatinized starch.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 further comprising a viscosifier.

12. (Original) A fluid system according to claim 11 wherein the viscosifier comprises a

xanthan gum.

13. (Original) A fluid system according to claim 11 wherein the viscosifier comprises about 0.5 ppb to about 2.0 ppb of the fluid system.

14. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the hollow particles have a size distribution of about 10 to about 350 μm .

15. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the hollow particles comprise about 5 percent to about 80 percent by volume of the fluid system.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the hollow particles have a density of about 0.35 to about 0.9.

18 - 35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the hollow particles are spherical.

37. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the hollow particles have a sphericity of 0.5 or greater and a roundness of 0.3 or greater as measured by the Krumbein and Sloss chart for visual estimation of roundness and sphericity.

38. (Currently amended) A fluid system according to claim ~~1~~ 263 wherein the hollow particles have a density of greater than or equal to 0.9.

39 – 262. (Canceled)

263. (Previously presented) A fluid system, comprising:

a continuous liquid phase;
a lost circulation material; and
aphrons, wherein said lost circulation material comprises hollow particles that assist in effectively sealing a formation.

264. (Previously presented) A fluid system, comprising:

a continuous liquid phase;
a lost circulation material; and
aphrons, wherein said lost circulation material comprises hollow particles that assist in effectively sealing a formation and wherein the hollow particles have a size distribution of about 10 to about 350 μm .

265. (Previously presented) A fluid system, comprising:

a continuous liquid phase;
a lost circulation material; and
aphrons, wherein said lost circulation material comprises hollow particles that assist in effectively sealing a formation and wherein the hollow particles comprise about 5 percent to about 80 percent by volume of the fluid system.

266. (Previously presented) A fluid system, comprising:

a continuous liquid phase;
a lost circulation material; and
aphrons, wherein said lost circulation material comprises hollow particles that assist in effectively sealing a formation and wherein the hollow particles have a density of about 0.35 to about 0.9.

267. (Previously presented) A fluid system, comprising:

a continuous liquid phase;
a lost circulation material;
aphrons; and
a viscosifier,

wherein the continuous liquid phase is selected from the group consisting of: an aqueous liquid, an oleaginous liquid and combinations thereof; and
wherein said lost circulation material comprises hollow particles that assist in effectively sealing a formation.